

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendment to the claims and the remarks presented herein.

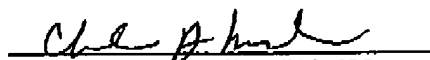
The claims in the application are claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 10 and 11, all other claims having been cancelled.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that Claim 2 was not properly amended which has been obviated by the present amendment. Claim 11 is now directed to allowable subject matter and is not a duplicate of Claim 1. The typographical error of "bore" has been corrected. Therefore, entry of the amendment for Appeal purposes is proper.

With respect to the 35 U.S.C. 103 rejection as being obvious over the Elendt patent, Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of rejection for the reasons set forth on pages 6 to 8 of the last amendment which are incorporated herein by reference. The present invention differs from Elendt et al. in that the invention has two coupling means 14, 15 adjacent to each other and in the coupled state extend over two partition gaps 5 and in the decoupled state, coupling means 14 is directly in contact on the partition gap 5 (left side) and coupling means 15 (right side) traverses a further path until the coupling. In contrast, Elendt has only a single coupling means. Therefore, withdrawal of the ground of rejection is requested.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the above remarks, it is believed that the claims clearly point out Applicants' patentable contribution. Therefore, favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

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